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Applicant: Runton, David W. )  
Serial No.: 09/393,525 ) Ex: Lee, Ping  
Filed: 10 September 1999 ) Art Unit: 2644  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE )  
DISTRIBUTION AND ENHANCEMENT )  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 1 December 2003 in the above identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for response was set for 3 months, up to and including 1 March 2004.

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application.

Claims 38-43 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-5, 8-14, 20-24, and 26-32 stand rejected.

Claims 15-19 and 33-37 are allowed.

Claims 6, 7, and 25 are objected to.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.